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GUIDE TO THE  
REGIONS



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# THE JOY OF CAMPING IN FRANCE

A bird's eye view of Yelloh! Village Le Sérignan Plage in Languedoc; the swimming pool area at the Yelloh! Village Le Sérignan Plage; fun for the kids at Yelloh! Village Les Grands Pins in Gironde



**French tourism is** in rude health and statistics confirm it. According to provisional figures from INSEE (the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies, the body which is responsible for the production and analysis of the country's official statistics), visitor numbers for the 2025 summer season were up 3.7% compared to the 2024 season.

Of course, everyone needs a place to stay when holidaying in the Hexagon, so numbers for tourist accommodation reflect the rise, recording an increase of 9.1m overnight stays compared to 2024, reaching 257.8m overnight stays. This exceeded the historic levels

of the 2023 summer season which hit 249.8m. By far the most popular option for tourists, says INSEE, are campsites: with 124.9m overnight stays in 2025, *les campings* remain the most popular type of accommodation and continue to grow (up 3.2%, or 3.9m more overnight stays than in 2024).

"While domestic customers remain predominant, accounting for more than two-thirds of summer overnight stays in collective tourist accommodation, visitors from other countries continue to drive tourist numbers in 2025," says INSEE. 'Non-resident' customers, who have been very present since the end of

the pandemic, are still a driver for growth: up 6.8% in 2025, or 5.3m more overnight stays than in 2024.

Campsites were more attractive to non-resident customers, rising by 2.4%, which is why our Camping Guide 2026 is so pertinent – this tourism trend is here to stay, with more and more people opting for stays in natural, rural or coastal settings. "Campsites are still the preferred form of accommodation for seaside holidays (68.5m overnight stays in 2025) and account for nearly two-thirds of total coastal visitor numbers," reports INSEE. "This increase in attendance affects the entire coastline of metropolitan France, but is

more pronounced in campsites on the north and west coasts."

One standout figure relates to mountain stays, which are benefiting from an ever-increasing number of non-resident campsite customers, with 22.6m overnight stays.

La Fédération française de camping et de caravaning (FFCC, the French Federation of Camping and Caravanning), a non-profit association for outdoor tourists in France founded in 1938, proudly says: "Camping was the undisputed champion of summer 2025."

## WHAT MAKES FRENCH CAMPING SO POPULAR?

France is the number one



camping destination in Europe. Driven by customer demand and expectations regarding comfort and facilities, the market has changed drastically in recent years with quality improvements across the board. A major factor for many who choose camping is great value and affordability.

French camping options are impressively diverse. They range from ‘wild camping’ – pitching up with your own tent or camping car; to registered but ‘undeveloped’ camping with basic facilities; and ‘developed’ camping, easily the most popular, with a wide range of accommodation on offer, from wonderfully-equipped

mobile homes and trailers, to luxury chalets, motor homes and quirkier choices such as teepees, beachside cabins and treetop hideaways.

As anyone who has enjoyed a stay on a French ‘developed campsite’ will confirm, this is a very convivial and relaxed option – many people return year after year to the same campsite as they feel so at home there. Some larger campsites feel more like friendly villages with bars, *boulangeries*, restaurants, evening entertainment and boutiques selling locally-made produce and crafts.

For those visiting France *en famille*, camping is a natural choice, with most

French campsites geared up to entertain and amuse youngsters with exceptional swimming pools, water parks and play areas, kids’ clubs and other activities to guarantee a memorable stay for the whole family.

### **FRENCH CAMPSITE RATINGS AND LABELS**

To find the perfect French campsite for your needs, start by swotting up on the various star ratings and labels – relating to site size, facilities, quality and sustainability commitments – that can be awarded.

First, check the all-important star rating, which is attributed by the local authority according to stringent guidelines. As the European Consumer Centre France states: “The conditions governing the classification of French campsites are very strict. For hygienic and environmental reasons, all campsite operators must notify the town hall or the prefecture. They then receive a classification according to a star-rating system, from one to five stars. Criteria such as total surface of the campsite, amenities, pitch size, pitch number and number of toilet facilities belong to the rating system. Prices also generally reflect the number of stars of the campsite, but can vary from one season to another.”

#### **Each category refers to a specific camping experience:**

##### **★ One-star campsites**

Small campsites, individual shower cubicles with possibly cold water, dish-washing sinks, pitch over 70m<sup>2</sup>. Prices start from €8 per night for a pitch.

##### **★★ Two-star campsites**

A reception during the day, individual shower cubicles

with hot water, individual washbasins, amenities for small electrical equipment, pitch over 70m<sup>2</sup>.

##### **★★★ Three-star campsites**

Warden attendance 24/7, a reception in two foreign languages including English, tiled floors in washing areas, equipped children’s play areas, a wider range of services (internet access, beverage dispenser...), pitch over 80m<sup>2</sup>. Prices can range from €32 to €40 per night for four people.

##### **★★★★ Four-star**

##### **campsites**

Private washing cubicles with hot water, dish-washing and clothes-washing sinks with hot water, pitches over 80m<sup>2</sup>, paved roads within the site and food stores on the campsite or close by. Prices can range from €20 to €50 per night for four people.

##### **★★★★★ Five-star**

##### **campsites**

A reception in three languages including English, swimming pool (this is compulsory), internet access, optional services (such as a spa, massage and tennis) and pitches over 80m<sup>2</sup>.

### **QUALITÉ TOURISME LABEL**

This label – the only one awarded by the French state to tourism professionals for the calibre of their welcome and services – ensures quality stays for guests, from cleanliness to adapted services. However, it will be replaced by December 31, 2026 by the new ‘Destination d’excellence’ label.

According to the French government website: “It takes over the essentials of the Qualité Tourisme system, in particular the guarantee of a high level of quality in terms of hospitality and raises the bar in terms of eco-responsibility and »

information for the disabled on the accessibility of the services on offer. It is managed by Atout France.”

**TOURISME & HANDICAP LABEL**

This label and symbol guarantee welcome services, accessibility and comfort for everyone across a wide range of establishments, including accommodation, tourist offices, leisure facilities, museums and much more. It is a reliable indication of a site’s accessibility, taking into account four types of impairments: motor, visual, auditory and mental.

**CAMPING QUALITÉ LABEL**

Another marker is the Camping Qualité badge, strictly objective criteria for the awarding of which were first introduced back in 1999. “Camping Qualité represents a guide for continuous improvement but also and above all, the secret to creating holidays where nothing is left to chance. For you, it is an official badge which will allow you to be sure that you are choosing quality,” says the Camping Qualité organisation.

A campsite can attain the badge regardless of location or star category. “It’s hard to believe that so many different campsites can comply with identical quality standards,” adds Camping Qualité. “That they can is thanks to the professionalism of their managers and the respect they have for you. They are committed to the Camping Qualité approach and, in certain cases, have been for many years. They all share the same passion, wherever the location of their campsite, the number of pitches, the star category or whether they are a private or municipal concern. They



Dining en famille at the restaurant Lou Pas d’Oc at Yelloh! Village Le Sérignan Plage in the Hérault department

must all comply with a grid of criteria that are strictly identical for all.”

**The six criteria for awarding the label are :**

- ✓ **A warm welcome**
- ✓ **Immaculate cleanliness**
- ✓ **Accurate and correct information**
- ✓ **Well-maintained and private pitches**
- ✓ **Care and respect for the environment**
- ✓ **An eco-friendly policy**

“Each point is regularly checked in independent inspections, for the purposes of perfectionism, objectivity and transparency,” they say. “Quality means nothing unless is it monitored and not subject to self-checks.”

You can read more about Camping Qualité’s ethos and its affiliated campsites (which currently number about 300) at [campingqualite.com/en](http://campingqualite.com/en).

**CLEF VERTE (GREEN KEY) LABEL**

A sustainability label for tourism accommodation and restaurants first developed in France in 1998, this is awarded by Teragir, a non-profit organisation recognised as being in the public interest, which was founded in 1983. The Clef Verte label is the leading eco-label for tourist establishments in France, both in terms of the number of establishments awarded the label and its long history.

**Criteria for qualification are:**

Respect for the land – the Green Key label’s criteria require respect for nature and people, in particular by controlling water and energy consumption and managing waste in an environmentally-friendly way, as well as providing leisure activities that do not harm nature and

promoting the region’s various natural assets and stakeholders.

The pleasure of sustainable tourism – choosing a Clef Verte establishment does not mean giving up pleasure or comfort; quite the contrary! They offer a healthier, more natural living environment, raise holidaymakers’ awareness and encourage those who wish to do their bit for more environmentally-friendly holidays and more responsible travel.

At the same price – the Green Key label doesn’t mean higher prices. It applies to all categories and all types of restaurant and accommodation: camping or nature *gîtes*, eco-friendly hotels, youth hostels or responsible B&Bs, tourist residences or sustainable vacation villages.

At time of going to press in January 2026, there are 323 campsites with the Clef Verte

label, searchable at the website (French only): [www.laclefverte.org](http://www.laclefverte.org). Click on *Etablissements* at the top of the page then use the drop-down menu to tick *Campings*. All those campsites with the label then appear, both in a list and on a map to the right. You can then further hone your search via the *Destination* drop-down menu, before selecting *Campagne* (Countryside), *Mer* (Seaside), *Montagne* (Mountain) or *Ville* (Town) according to preference.

**WHERE WILL YOU GO CAMPING?**

Now that you know how to assess the quality of a campsite, which region will you pick to go camping in?

As always when compiling our Camping Guide, choosing ‘the best’ region is subjective – readers will already have their personal favourites and, of course,

their budget and travel access will also inform their choice. What we aim to do here is present a brief overview of the most popular French camping regions and what they offer in terms of activities, culture, history and day trips for anyone staying at a campsite. We also picture some of the campsites you can book within these regions. Happy camping!

**PAYS DE LA LOIRE**



**This region in western France comprises the departments of Loire-Atlantique, Maine-et-Loire, Mayenne, Sarthe and Vendée (which is the French department with the largest volume of campsites). The regional capital is Nantes.**

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**From top:** Bel Air, a 5-star campsite in Les Sables d’Olonne, Vendée; the wellbeing space at Camping Les Biches in Saint-Hilaire-de-Riez

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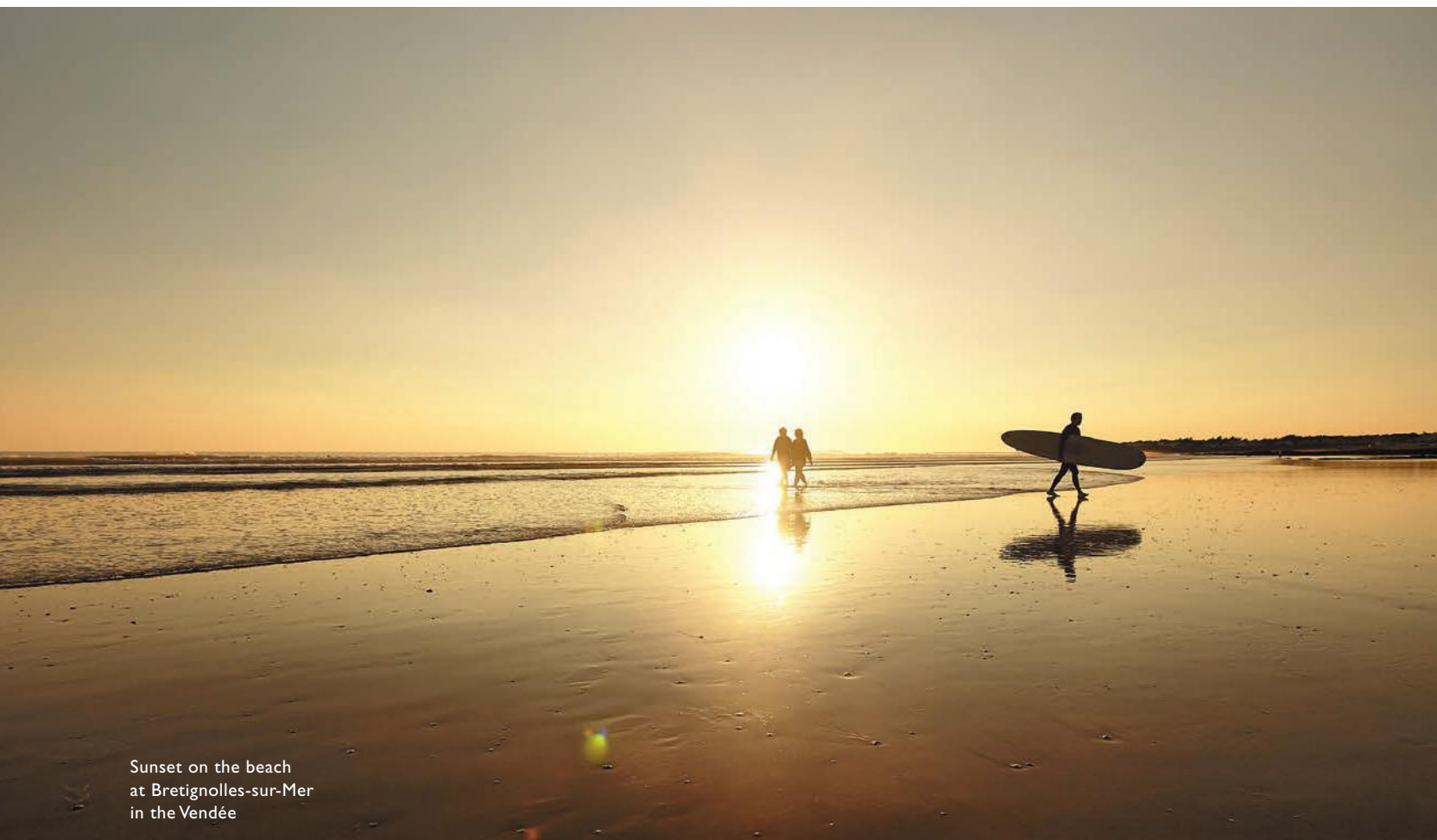
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and vineyards, Pays de la Loire is a fabulous camping destination. Its key attractions include the world-renowned, epic-scale theme park Puy du Fou, the Château d'Angers, the historical Plantagenet city of Le Mans (don't miss La Nuit des Chimères, its magical summer light show) and many family-friendly seaside resorts such as La Baule – which is perfect for a thalssotherapy break.

The Vendée coastline, an extensive ribbon of sand flanked by dunes, pine forests and the Vélodyssée cycle route, features great resorts such as Saint-Jean-de-Monts and Les Sables-d'Olonne (departure point for the Vendée Globe sailing race every four years), and cute fishing villages such as Saint-Gilles-Croix-de-Vie, which is paradise for sardine-loving foodies. Noirmoutier and Île d'Yeu are two of the region's off-shore gems.

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Cyclists can pootle along the Loire à Vélo bike route, taking in sites such as the majestic Royal Abbey of Fontevraud, steeped in 900 years of history and, further west, Saumur, with its perched castle, Cadre Noir equestrian performance centre and the surrounding troglodytic villages carved into the stone. Sample local wines Muscadet, Saumur, Savennières and Jasnières and meet the amazing mechanical creations of Nantes' Machines of the Isle.

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head to the 1,000-year-old fortress town of Fougères in Ille-et-Vilaine, where the epic defensive complex of the castle is a sight to behold, or Carnac, where you will marvel at fields of ancient *menhirs* (standing stones).

Further coastal charm is found along the Pink Granite coast and island gems Belle-Île-en-Mer and Bréhat, while an exceptional destination is the







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**From top:** The bar at Yelloh! Village Les Mouettes in Carantec; enjoy a 5-star getaway at Yelloh! Village Mané Guernehué in Baden

picturesque village of Erquy, with its beautiful beach nestled in the heart of Côtes-d'Armor. Elsewhere, villages such as Rochefort-en-Terre – voted France's favourite village in 2016 – and riverside beauty Dinan are adorable.

Quiberon Peninsula, the Gulf of Morbihan, the Crozon peninsula... all provide impressive coastal options.

Brittany's capital, Rennes, is an historic gem packed with superb produce markets and cultural events. With its cobbled streets, half-timbered houses and restful green spaces, it's perfect for a day out. Quimper, too, is a lovely base for a camping break, with floral bridges over the Odet and the Gothic Cathédrale Saint-Corentin.

Those campers arriving from the UK via the ferry at Saint-Malo should stop awhile among the granite ramparts and explore the

quaint streets, lovely boutiques and fantastic seafood restaurants.

● **Brittany tourist board**  
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The mighty Nouvelle-Aquitaine region – the largest in France – boasts no fewer than 12 departments: Charente, Charente-Maritime, Corrèze, Creuse, Deux-Sèvres, Dordogne, Gironde, Haute-Vienne, Landes, Lot-et-Garonne, Pyrénées-Atlantiques and Vienne >>

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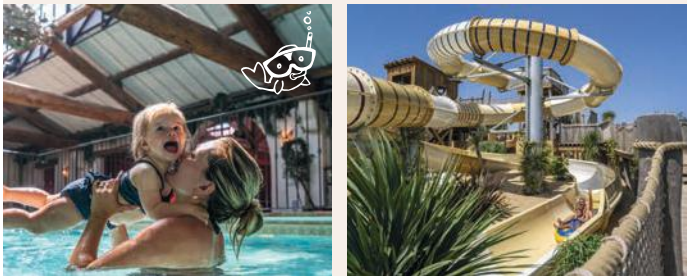
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– which cover a whopping one eighth of the country's land mass. This points to a truly diverse set of tourism attractions to suit all tastes.

Spanning the southwest of the Hexagon, it boasts the cream of Francophile hotspots, such as Saint-Émilien and Bordeaux (the region's capital), Biarritz and the Basque Country, Arcachon, La Rochelle, Île de Ré, Poitiers, the Dordogne Valley and Dordogne classics

such as Bergerac and Sarlat-la-Canéda, Angoulême, Cognac country, the Landes Atlantic coast, Limoges and the Limousin.

Such epic proportions bring a rich line-up of *paysages* to discover: lush forests, picture-postcard islands, sandy beaches, magnificent mountains and serene lakes mean that campers really are spoilt for choice. For culture vultures and history fans, there are >>



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plenty of great cities to explore, from picturesque riverside Bayonne with its historic buildings, cobbled streets, iconic ham and enormous annual fête (this year's takes place from July 15-19), to beautiful Poitiers, just 20 minutes from hi-tech theme park Futuroscope – an absolute must-visit for

families camping in the area. Charente-Maritime, with its long sandy beaches and idyllic seaside resorts, is ideal for family breaks – spend the day exploring the beautiful, historic port of La Rochelle, then pop over to the charming Île de Ré, perfect for a relaxing bike ride and a spot of oyster tasting.

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Relaxing over a drink or a bite to eat at Yelloh! Village Les Grands Pins

For a water-based sojourn with a difference, head inland to the Deux-Sèvres department, home to the Marais Poitevin, a network of tranquil waterways to be explored by boat – find a port and pier in places such as Coulon or La Garette. Children love to discover the wonders of prehistory and

the Dordogne Valley is blessed with some fine relics. Lascaux Cave, with its astonishing paintings, is located near the village of Montignac in the Dordogne. Follow the snaking path of the mighty river – perhaps enjoying a canoe trip near La Roque-Gageac – and you will also spot perched riverside »



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Enjoy a visit to pretty Sarlat-la-Canéda on market day and try some of its famous goose and duck dishes. Meanwhile, Bergerac is another dreamy Périgord town, a labyrinth of charming streets and cute squares – stop and say *bonjour* to the statue of Cyrano de Bergerac!

Wine lovers should head to the Gironde, home to many world-famous wines. Among the must-see villages is Saint-Émilion, home to the first vineyard listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, while the departmental capital is Bordeaux, a beautiful, elegant city which is home to the emblematic Cité du Vin museum – essential viewing for wine lovers.

Over in the Landes, you'll find the pine Forêt des Landes, the largest in Europe with plenty of wonderful campsites, from big, family-friendly affairs to smaller, more intimate hideaways; or venture into the rolling hills and sunflower fields of Lot-et-Garonne – a department dotted with *bastides* and castles and a great river tourism scene.

Nestling up against the Spanish border you'll find the Pyrénées-Atlantiques (home to classy and historic Pau, with its spectacular views of the Pyrenees), offering holidaymakers everything from hiking in the mountains to relaxing by the coast (Biarritz!) to exploring the many pretty villages in Béarn and Pays Basque.

Limousin, to the north of Nouvelle-Aquitaine, is one of the most sparsely populated



areas of France and the leisurely tourist will enjoy meandering through its perfectly preserved medieval towns and villages. Original Plus Beau Village Collonges-la-Rouge, with its red sandstone buildings, is a sight to behold – Mortemart and Turenne are also on the Plus Beaux list.

If it's culture you're after, departmental capital Limoges is famous as a centre for fine porcelain (it remains the gold standard for tableware) and enamelware. It also boasts a lovely old medieval centre and its train station is among the prettiest in the whole of France, while Saint-Étienne cathedral is a Gothic gem remarkable for its stained-glass windows and gargoyles.

● **Nouvelle-Aquitaine**  
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**OCCITANIE**



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**Roussillon and Midi-Pyrénées, Occitanie is blessed with a wide variety of stunning destinations. Steeped in history, heritage and culture, it boasts the best of the sea, mountain, town and country.**

This is the second largest region in France, so selecting places to visit on a day trip from your campsite in Occitanie requires a plan, such is the slew of options. How about the big ticket unmissables? History lovers should not miss the Cité Médiévale de Carcassonne, a citadel built in the 12th century and listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1997. Marvel at its 52 towers and ramparts as you >>



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Fun on toboggans at Yelloh! Village Le Sérignan Plage

approach before exploring the olde worlde streets and alleys where elegant boutiques, bars and restaurants complete a magical visitor experience.

Next is the majestic aqueduct, Pont du Gard, located half an hour from historic Nîmes in the Gard. The most-visited ancient monument in France, it is a lovely spot for family bathing (it has a supervised play area and beach).

For food and history lovers, a visit to the glorious, bustling and friendly 'pink city' of Toulouse should be on everyone's Occitanie wish-list. Don't miss the Saint-Sernin Basilica and the Jacobin Convent, a gem of southern French Gothic architecture, and enjoy a cassoulet lunch on the iconic Place du Capitole.

For youngsters, a trip to the 2,500m<sup>2</sup> Cité de l'Espace is the next best thing to going into space.

If exploring nature is your thing on holiday, the Gorges du Tarn (the Tarn river canyon) is hard to beat. Heading south, Occitanie's coastline is a true camper's paradise, with endless sandy beaches (such as the glorious Sérignan plage) and lovely Mediterranean ports, few more vibrant and characterful than Sète, with its canals, quays and pretty little squares.

Another unmissable destination for families holidaying on the coast of the former Languedoc-Roussillon is Sigean safari park, between Narbonne and Perpignan in Aude, which covers around 300 hectares and is home to about 3,800 animals and 160 species.

Meanwhile, the Camargue is another wildlife haven, located between the Mediterranean and the Rhône delta. It is packed with exceptional, multi-coloured biodiversity >>



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A fishing cabin at Yelloh! Village Le Sérignan Plage



Bathing and kayaking at Pont d'Arc in Ardèche

**Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes**



To call the landscapes of this region – which is home

to Auvergne's chain of volcanic mountains and the mighty Alps – impressive is a real understatement.

In terms of natural wonders, the eye-pleasing, natural stone arch the Pont d'Arc, in Ardèche, is hard to beat. The department is a wonderful destination for camping, with lots of gorgeous riverside idylls (grab a kayak or canoe and explore the scenery from the water).

Elsewhere, Mont Blanc is Europe's highest point and the winter Alpine ski options are well known. But come summertime when campsites are calling you, high-altitude resorts switch to biking and hiking mode, with excellent facilities and swathes of flower-filled meadows and

including its famous black bulls, white horses and pink flamingos.

Finally, the Hautes-Pyrénées, Occitanie's most westerly, mountainous department, is superb for summertime campers and hikers – choose from gentle routes through the rolling

foothills and plains, or the waymarked trails of the Louron valley, Gavarnie and Grand Tourmalet. You can see fabulous flora and fauna as you explore on foot, by bike or on horseback.

The *très chic* resort of Saint-Lary is an authentic Pyrenean village with a

lively medieval centre and all kinds of family-friendly activities on offer, from climbing to archery to ice skating.

- **Occitanie tourist board**  
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The emerald waters of La Paloma beach in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat

grassy slopes to explore. For a little R&R or some local wine tasting, head to the charming spa towns of Évian and Thonon and the delightful Côtes du Rhône vineyards, which stretch from Vienne to Tournon.

Any list of great places to visit in this region should include France's unofficial capital of gastronomy, Lyon, located at the meeting point of the Rhône and Saône rivers. Explore Vieux Lyon's history of silk-making, network of *traboules* (shortcuts linking streets through one or more buildings) and the iconic Place Bellecour, with its mighty equestrian statue of Louis XIV, before indulging in the city's legendarily hearty *bouchon* gastronomy.

Auvergne's lush greenery is unmatched and it has many superb natural regional parks. At a height of 1,465m, Puy de Dôme overlooks a range of 80

volcanoes that make up the Chaîne des Puys – you can reach the top in just 15 minutes aboard the scenic Panoramique des Dômes train. The Rhône-Alpes, meanwhile, boasts picture-postcard Lake Geneva and Lake Annecy, providing wonderful areas for campers to enjoy a summer break with a spot of boating, swimming, windsurfing and plenty of other watersports to enjoy besides.

And for campers who enjoy visiting cities for the day, the region is blessed. Well worth taking in are Saint-Étienne and Grenoble, the historic city of Clermont-Ferrand (don't miss the fantastic Vulcania theme park, a kids' favourite) and pretty Le Puy-en-Velay, which is the prefecture of the Haute-Loire department.

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## PROVENCE-ALPES-CÔTE D'AZUR



Now formally known as **Région Sud, PACA**

**epitomises all the joys of sunny southern French camping thanks to its winning combination of great weather, glitzy Riviera resorts, fine museums, beach coves and an idyllic hinterland.**

With its historic hilltop villages such as Mougins, Saint-Paul de Vence, Gourdon and Èze, scented lavender fields all around (pop to villages such as Sault) and the sparkling Mediterranean coastline with its elegant resorts and beautiful beaches (Cannes! Antibes! Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat!), Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur really is holiday heaven on earth.

In peak season it gets very busy so be sure to book your campsite well ahead of

time. Head inland for a little peace away from the summertime throng on the coast: families with a passion for the outdoors should head to the Gorges du Verdon, France's answer to the Grand Canyon. Accessed via a breathtaking corniche road around the rim of the gorge, this area of outstanding beauty is a haven for intrepid hikers and has lots of safe swimming and canoeing.

Love a little history? Check out the Roman ruins in Arles (Bouches-du-Rhône) or culturally rich Avignon (Vaucluse), then explore the region's two major cities, Marseille and Nice, before taking your pick of small but perfectly formed coastal gems such as Bormes-les-Mimosas and Saint-Tropez (both in the Var department).

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